launching a special programme for South Africa's Indian Community in an attempt to encounter the impact of the private M-Net T.V. Station; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government to counter the South African programme through All India Radio's external service or any other means.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. TEWARY): (a) The Government do not have any information in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

Indo-Duch Project for development of mushroom

2314. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indo-Duch project for development of mushroom is being implemented in Uttar Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka with Dutch assistance;

(b) if so, what is the progress of the above porject; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to carry out the above projects in the other States of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Construction work of the project has been completed in Himachal Pradesh and is being completed in the remaining states by the end of this year.

(c) No, Sir.

2315. [Transferred to the 10th August, 1989]

Modernisation of Burnpur Project

2316. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the workers and management of the Indian Iron and Steel Company (IISCO) has signed a memorandum of agreement that paves the way for the smooth implementation of the modernisation of the Burnpur Project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between the Management of IISCO, Burnpur and representatives unions of IISCO, Burnpur has been signed on 12th July, 1989 that will facilitate the smooth implementation of the modernisation of the Burnpur Project.

The MOU provides for:

(i) Modernisation of the steel plant;

(ii) Re-employment retraining and protection of emoluments and services of workers covered by the MOU; and

(iii) A scheme to be introduced for employees making vountary separation more secure financially by providing regular monthly income.

Provident Fund fraud in ICWAI

2317. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn into the newsitem appearing in Sunday Mail dated 16th and 22nd July, 1989 under the caption "Provident Fund fraud in ICWAI costs staff dear";